

CSZ Hosts Joint Shavuot Celebration

A unique agreement among three San Francisco Reform congregations promises to enhance our festival observances now and in future years. Congregations Emanu-El, Sha'ar Zahav and Sherith Israel will be holding joint morning services for festivals, rotated among the homes of the three congregations. This custom began on Passover, with a joint service at Sherith Israel; Sha'ar Zahav will have the pleasure of hosting the service for all three synagogues on Shavuot morning, June 13.

This service is only part of an exceptional day planned for our observance of Shavuot, second of the three great festivals in our calendar. A dairy potluck dinner will initiate our celebration on Thursday evening, June 12 at 7pm. Following a special service led by the Ritual Committee, Rabbi Kahn will lead a traditional *tikkun leil shavuot*, a Shavuot evening study session. Because Shavuot celebrates the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, it is customary to stay up all night studying Torah. At midnight, the tradition tells, participants in study can look up to the sky and see into heaven itself. The synagogue makes no guarantees, but our study session will certainly last until midnight—and longer if participants are interested. Everyone is welcome to come for as much or as little study as they like.

Then, on Shavuot morning, 10:30am on Friday, we will welcome members of Sherith Israel and Emanu-el in our sanctuary. The rabbis of both congregations will join Rabbi Kahn and members of our Ritual committee in leading a festive holiday service, at which Rabbi Kahn will speak. Services will be followed, of course, by a special holiday Oneg.

Come join us for all, or at least part, of what looks to be an exceptionally joyous Shavuot observance. We're particularly looking forward to having "the neighbors over" on Shavuot morning, and hope to see you there.



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New Officers and Va'ad Members

Exuberant and stylish Va'ad members and officers are from left: Sen Talley, Jay Feinstein, Bob Goldware, Eric Keitel, Ben Schalit (recorder), Jerry Rosenstein (treasurer), Ellen Kugler, Irene Ogus (president), and Richard

Inlander (vice president). They will be joining continuing Va'ad members Allyce Kimerling, Garry Koenigsberg, Shirley Liberman and Mike Rankin.

Sanctuary Covenant Adopted

Sha'ar Zahav's Covenant of Sanctuary was adopted at our Congregational Meeting on May 4. It represents the culmination of efforts began at the October 1985 Social Action Committee meeting. While the Committee agreed early on that AIDS must remain our number one concern for the foreseeable future, it also felt that other important issues cannot be ignored.

As a result of extensive education of the Committee, Va'ad and the membership—through newsletter articles, an educational forum and available literature—the Committee found that sanctuary for refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and other

countries where violence and persecution exist, is in keeping with Jewish tradition, Reform practice and policy, and our Congregation's bylaws.

We can be proud of the healthy debate over the past many months which accompanied the issues embodied in this resolution, and how we, as a congregation, handled the debate.

In accordance with the action plan detailed at the end of the resolution, contributions to a revolving bond fund for currently incarcerated refugees may now be made through the Synagogue.

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President's Column

It is with a sense of pride and fulfillment that I write my final "President's Column". This past year has been a most wonderful time in my relationship with Sha'ar Zahav. I have experienced an enrichment and growth that is beyond any expectation that I had. I must echo others when I say that I have received much more from this Congregation than I can ever give to it.

Last month Leslie Bergson, our Vice-President, wrote beautifully about the complexity and many facets of Sha'ar Zahav. It is truly amazing that one organization can exist in such a harmonious spirit, with so many different needs being expressed and met. It doesn't matter if we see ourselves in a certain light because of our Jewishness or our sexual orientation, we have all chosen to come together as members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav.

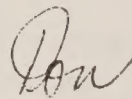
We are young, a mere nine years old next month. Yet we have a mature approach to our internal workings as well as to our relationships with other organizations. Nine years ago we were somewhat of an oddity in the Jewish and the gay/lesbian community. Jewish organizations didn't care to address the issue of sexual orientation; and our own "community" placed spirituality at a low point on the priority list. From my experiences of the last year I can say with pride that it's different now, we've grown and we've helped to teach others to grow.

Sha'ar Zahav gives each of us a sense of pride in who and what we are. Sha'ar Zahav provides individuals and groups—each with unique interests and diverse backgrounds—a common place for growth. Sha'ar Zahav gives those outside or estranged a warm place in which to settle. Sha'ar Zahav provides support in time of joy and in time of sorrow.

In one way or another, each of us has had a part in this past year's growth and success. It would not have been so if we had not the support and cooperation within the Va'ad, among the Committee chairs and by the Rabbi. I thank you all for making this year possible. On behalf of the Congregation, a very special thanks to those people leaving the Va'ad as voting members: Leslie Bergson, Alex Ingersoll, Betty Kalis, Leila Raim and Sharyn Saslafsky.

And to our members and friends I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to accept your words of support, your good wishes and to receive so many compliments on behalf of the Synagogue. I thank each of you for making this year possible.

Shalom,



Parents Come Out

Following a last-minute cancellation last year, KQED has finally scheduled a showing of *Parents Come Out*—this time as part of their programming for Gay Pride Week. This excellent video, commissioned by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), was directed by CSZ member Rob Tat and produced by CSZ member Aaron Cooper and Pat Blumenthal. Comprised of a series of interviews, it makes an important statement of parents' coping and acceptance of their children. We urge you to see it and to recommend it to your friends and families. *Parents Come Out* is scheduled for showing on Channel 9 Wednesday, June 25, 8:30pm, with a rebroadcast on Friday, June 27, 11pm.

Summer Reading Fun

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All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the Synagogue office, marked to the attention of *The Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Bob Goldware (Articles Coordinator), Stephanie Hannaford (Graphics Coordinator), Jay Feinstein (Advertising Coordinator), Alex Ingersoll, Richard Inlander, Irene Ogus, Alita Rosenfeld and David Stein (general editorial and production); Laurie Davis (photos); Frank Hyman, Ben Schalit, Barry Siegel, Sam Thal and Eli Weinstein (distribution). *The Forward* is typeset by Artspec Imaging Ltd.

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Congregational Meeting

Elections, Sanctuary and More

Over 50 members attended Sha'ar Zahav's semi-annual meeting on the afternoon of May 4. In his D'Var Torah, Rabbi Yoel Kahn addressed the relationship between our spirituality as a synagogue and our constant concern and need for money as a multi-faceted organization with a budget of over \$120,000. He reminded us that "without flour there is no Torah; and without Torah there is no flour." The Rabbi set the tone for the meeting by urging us to remember the values that we bring to the process.

President Don Albert recounted our many successes in the past year. He gave credit to the members who share their ideas, time, energy and funds with the synagogue, and to Rabbi Kahn's contribution to many aspects of our congregational life. Treasurer Betty Kalis presented a detailed financial statement of the year to date, and noted that while a few contributions to the General Fund have begun to trickle in, we have a long way to go to wipe out our projected \$6,000 deficit. Betty received a heartfelt round of applause from a grateful congregation for a difficult job well done.

Rabbi Kahn's report spoke about our major assets, and about the challenges the congregation faces in the coming year. Our members are our greatest asset; the challenge is to avoid placing excessive demands on ourselves in order to accomplish our many goals. The Rabbi was pleased to report that the pool of service leaders has grown, and noted that the diversity of our ritual leadership is another expression of the strength of the congregation. He outlined a number of challenges facing us in the area of ritual, such as meeting the religious needs of our diverse members and creating a liturgy that speaks to us at this time in this city. Rabbi Kahn discussed joint festival morning services which are planned with two other Reform congregations (Emanu-El and Sherith Israel) and noted the important outreach dimension of our participation in such activities.

Another major focus of the rabbi's report was our response to the AIDS crisis. He urged us all to be strong and to strengthen one another—to answer our fear by proving that we can help and by discovering our power. He concluded with a note of hope, stating that creation of the new Family Havurah is an important sign for the future of the entire congregation.

After Don's detailed presentation of the

Finance Committee's proposed budget for 1986-87, the Congregation unanimously adopted it.

The Social Action Committee, headed by Ron Lezell, then presented its proposed Covenant of Sanctuary. Many of those present expressed views both pro and con. Ultimately, the Covenant was adopted, with 70% of the members present voting their approval.

Mike Rankin explained our excellent relationship with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He told how our panel on Judaism and Homosexuality at the last Biennial in Los Angeles had literally changed people's lives. We will again present the panel at the Chicago meeting next year. UAHC's adoption of our AIDS resolution has had many ramifications which are starting to be felt in every Reform congregation. Our outreach is creating a more positive attitude towards gay men and lesbians throughout the UAHC network.

Ten standing committees presented reports on the myriad services they perform, and the many activities they present for the members and the community at large. Highlights included David Gellman's announcement that the upstairs renovation is practically complete and Bill Goldstein's recounting the highly successful educational programs of the past year. Alex Ingersoll explained the phenomenal amount of work that goes into each issue of the *Forward*. Chair Sharyn Saslasky discussed the work of her dedicated Public Relations Committee, and told of the need for a graphics person and for new blood in this tireless committee. Vice President Leslie Bergson related the progress of the Bikkur Cholim committee. She also delivered Daniel Chesir's Ritual Committee report, which stressed the contributions of Rabbi Kahn and the ongoing effort at improved and revised liturgy.

The Social Action Committee has increased in both membership and awareness, according to Chair Ron Lezell. Future activities include implementation of the Sanctuary action plan, and education of the membership regarding the upcoming California Supreme Court election (watch the July *Forward*). Social Programming Chair Shirley Liberman reported on upcoming Gay & Lesbian Freedom Day
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From the Treasurer

As you read this, only a few weeks remain until the end of our fiscal year on June 30. Some members have responded to the appeal for General Fund contributions to offset an impending deficit, but many have not. No one can depend upon the next person to take care of this. Each of us must contribute to the best of our ability.

If every member were to contribute a minimum of \$25, the deficit would be wiped out. Unfortunately, some of our members cannot contribute that amount, and alas, others will not, which means that those who can and will must give more. Please, let's end the year "in the black," so that we can continue all of our synagogue programs and build for the future.

Finally, it has been an honor to serve as treasurer for the congregation in which the ability to pay is never a barrier to membership or participation, and in which the spirit of Tsedakah is so alive in so many.

—Betty L. Kalis

Lag B'Omer Picnic

The Membership Committee, chaired by Robin Leonard, is sponsoring a Lag B'Omer Picnic on Sunday, June 1, 11 am-3 pm at Golden Gate Park. Unfortunately, we won't have access to barbecue facilities, so for those of you just waiting for that perfect moment to inaugurate your shiny new Tupperware, this is your golden opportunity to show off those recent party purchases! We have reserved the Redwood Memorial Grove picnic area (next to the Rose Garden; park near the Stowe Lake boathouse). Volleyball equipment will be provided. All are welcome, especially children, and members are encouraged to bring a non-member to introduce them to Sha'ar Zahav.

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Days Of Our Lives

Many calendars mark our days. Besides the Gregorian calendar, there are other schedules which are important to us—nature's seasons, the sports seasons, the school year or the timetable at work for completing a major project. The Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar but the Jewish calendar is a lunar one. [Have you ever noticed that all the Jewish festivals fall on a full moon?] The Jewish calendar marks the special rhythms of Jewish time, throughout the week and throughout the year. Jewish time revolves around Shabbat. Every week is named after the Torah portion assigned to the Shabbat which concludes that week—Monday of this week (June 2) is called in Hebrew, "the second day of [the week] *shabbat be-midbar*. According to legend, the week itself yearns for Shabbat from Saturday evening until Tuesday; on Wednesday it is already excited about the new Shabbat ahead.

The Jewish calendar, with its distinctive consciousness of time, is a valuable tool in deepening our personal and communal connection to the Jewish heritage, especially when we integrate it with the other calendars which regulate our lives. At Sha'ar Zahav, we call attention to the cycle of Jewish time by announcing each new month at the Friday evening services before it falls. We also have decided to observe all the dates of the Jewish year on the exact day they fall, and not on the nearest Friday night. This choice is an important statement about our priorities: our Jewish obligations—and celebrations—enjoy at least an equal claim in our time priorities as do our secular obligations.

None of the special days in the Jewish calendar are islands that spring up unexpectedly. Rosh HaShanah is linked to Yom Kippur by the Ten Days of Teshuvah and Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Repentance, which falls between them. According to custom, immediately after breaking the fast on Yom Kippur, one should hammer the first nail into the Succah, linking the observance of one holiday to the next. Less well known is the connection between Passover and Shavuot. Shavuot falls seven weeks after Passover. This period is called Omer and, in many synagogues, each passing day of the Omer is carefully noted in a ritual called, simply enough, "Counting the Omer". [Lag B'Omer is the thirty-third day of the Omer.] Omer means "sheaf", and refers to the barley harvest in ancient Israel, which began immediately

after Passover and was concluded at Shavuot, the spring harvest festival. Later, another significant layer of meaning was added to the Omer. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and the Israelites' acceptance of the Covenant. The counting of the Omer marks the time from the Exodus from Egypt—Passover—to the giving of the Torah—Shavuot.

The significance of Passover is summed up in the Hagadah's phrase, "In every generation, each person must consider themselves to have been liberated from Egypt." The same statement can and should be made about Sinai. The Torah itself teaches: "It is not with you alone that I make this Covenant . . . but also with those who are not here today." If each year on Passover we are re-redeemed, so each year on Shavuot we again have the opportunity to renew our people's Covenant.

As Reform Jews, Shavuot assumes special importance for us. It is a central theme of Reform ideology that each individual must make personal decisions and commitments about Jewish obligations. We do not believe that others can declare for us how we ought to act—which therefore places a challenge onto ourselves to choose actively to become involved in our synagogue, in the Jewish community and in the redemptive work of *tikkun olam*—"repairing the world." On Shavuot we return to Sinai afresh and remake and renew the bonds that have united and inspired our people for over four thousand years.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Reform Journal Notes CSZ Liturgy

The current issue of the *Journal of Reform Judaism* includes an article by Congregation members Mike Rankin and Garry Koenigsberg, entitled "Let the Day Come Which Is All Shabbat—The Liturgy of the Gay-Outreach Synagogue." In it, Garry and Mike discuss a few of the original liturgical writings created at Sha'ar Zahav, and how our synagogue's liturgy reflects both the Jewish and the Lesbian/Gay heritage of our Congregation. The *Journal of Reform Judaism* is the main scholarly publication of the Reform movement, circulating to congregations, rabbis, and libraries throughout the world.

What is Lag B'Omer?

Do you need a reason for a picnic? If you really want to know, Lag B'Omer means "the thirty-third day of the Omer." Each of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value. "Lag" is a combination of *lamed*, whose value is thirty, and *gimel*, which is three: together they make thirty-three. (In case you were wondering, Tu B'Shevat is the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat.) The days between Passover and Shavuot are called the Omer (after the sacrifice of grain once made on Shavuot). Each is numbered, which is called the counting of the Omer. The custom of going out and having picnics on Lag B'Omer originated in Roman times. According to one legend, a terrible plague which took the lives of thousands of students of Rabbi Akiba ended on the thirty-third day of the Omer; everyone went out to celebrate. Another legend has it that because the study of Torah was illegal, Rabbi Akiba would take his students out to the fields and, while pretending to play, secretly continue to teach. Whatever its origins, picnics on Lag B'Omer have been a custom for centuries. Ours is June 1 at 11 am in Golden Gate Park, Redwood Memorial Grove.

A New Address

CSZ member John Golebowski recently moved into the San Francisco Jewish Home for the Aged. John would welcome any visitors and/or phone calls. The Home is located at 302 Silver Avenue (at Mission). John resides in Room 348 of Building A and his private phone number is 587-0823. We wish John good health and happiness in his new home.

That Gay and Carefree Feeling

It's spring again, and this year's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade is just around the corner—so to speak. On Sunday, June 29, once again, Sha'ar Zahav's marching and singing contingent will head down Market Street. We're hoping for a large and enthusiastic group of marchers (if you're not enthusiastic, we'll help). The march provides our synagogue with one of its best opportunities for community visibility, so come! Also, CSZ will have an attractive information and sales booth; we need volunteers to staff it from 10am-5pm for 1 to 2 hour shifts. If you can help with the booth, please contact Shirley Liberman at 550-1744, or call the synagogue office.

Va'ad Report

Your Board met on the second Monday (May 12), with many interested members of the Congregation in attendance. After the heavy agendas of the last few meetings, this one seemed relatively uneventful. But the activities of Sha'ar Zahav are so numerous and varied that even a "light" agenda is full. Rabbi Yoel Kahn's *d'var Torah* stressed that it is with Torah that we learn to understand Torah. In his President's report, Don revealed the enthusiastic compliments the *Forward* received at the last meeting of the UAHC Presidents' Council and announced that a bookcase, our memorial to Rabbi Ben Marcus, has been installed at the Jewish Home.

Treasurer Betty Kalis noted in her report that we have received only a small percentage of the amount needed to meet our projected deficit. Rabbi Kahn reported progress in our AIDS awareness efforts with the Federation and at UAHC, and was very pleased with the turnout for the first Family Havurah event. Jacqueline Letalien, our new office secretary, conveyed her progress at learning the ins and outs of managing the office, and urged everyone to cooperate in letting her know when meetings and events are scheduled so she can keep the main calendar current.

Garry Koenigsberg announced that an article which he co-authored with Mike Rankin will be appearing in the current *Journal of Reform Judaism*. Upon motion of Membership Chair Robin Leonard three new members were approved.

President-elect Irene Ogus presented the agenda for the leadership Advance to be held in July; and Eric Keitel reported on good progress in registration requests for the Labor Day Western Regional Conference. Election Committee chair Leslie Bergson announced that by a draw of straws the vacant one-year Va'ad term for 1986-87 will go to Eric Keitel.

Peter Abinanti, the tireless chair of the Oneg Committee, asked that everyone cooperate in keeping the kitchen in good order and in making sure the refrigerator always has room to save oneg leftovers. The Social Action Committee continues its monthly vigil at the Soviet Consulate and has begun to receive donations for the Sanctuary revolving bond fund, according to chair Ron Lezell.

"Mr. Forward," Alex Ingersoll, announced that we will be publishing a joint July-August issue this year. Chair of the Social Program Committee, Shirley Liber-

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Playwrights Unite

The 1987 Purim playwriting committee will convene for a potluck brunch and planning meeting Saturday, June 14, 11 am at the home of Lolacai and Francine, 424 Central at Fell. All are welcome; please be on time.

Lawney Baldwin

The cattle and chicken roamed pretty freely on the Baldwins' farm nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of southwest Virginia. For Lawney and his wife, it was the kind of bucolic life many of us yearn for—raising three kids—growing vegetables—building fences.

It was a long and painful journey from there to Lawney's arrival in San Francisco two years ago. A shy man with no friends here, he would sneak in to Sha'ar Zahav and quickly slip out again when services were over. He took careful pains to ensure his invisibility. Past president Paul Cohen has a talent for noticing such people. Lawney tells how Paul would tease and cajole him into sitting closer to the front of the sanctuary. "He'd smile at me and then

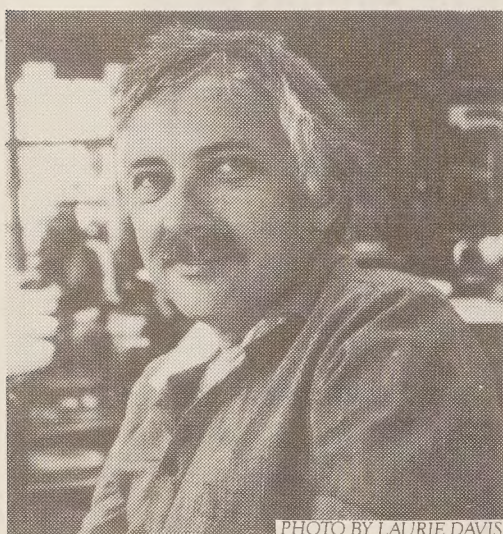


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leave me alone." This "gentle prodding" persisted until one Friday night Lawney triumphantly made it to the Oneg room after services. That was the beginning for him of "getting involved." He realized that he did want to form some friendships here and that the best way for him to do that was to join committees. Small groups are easier for most of us to handle. He joined the Social Action Committee several months ago, then Bikkur Cholim. He has also provided countless hours of help on many programs, including ushering during High Holy Days. It was through this volunteering that Lawney has found several new friends.

Life has certainly picked up for Lawney. He works hard as a nurse-anesthetist at Highland General Hospital, has a new apartment with a big backyard for gardening and is socially very busy. He rides his bike with Different Spokes, dances at the Rawhide, and ran in the Bay to Breakers last year. A member of Gay Fathers, he

cares deeply about his children; he has two daughters in college and a son in high school. He loves country as well as new-age music and walks 4 miles every day after work.

It's not exactly "down on the farm" but Sha'ar Zahav has become a very important place for him. He "loves the peace" it gives him and he enjoys volunteering his time. He's received a lot from his participation and wants to give back by volunteering.

Lawney was reluctant about this interview. He felt so many others were more deserving of recognition. His story, however, is significant. It demonstrates how we can help each other to grow and feel good about ourselves and our community.

—Irene Ogus

P.S. This is my last "spotlight" feature article. Laurie Davis will be our new "roving reporter."

Oneg Sponsors

During the month of April, Friday night Onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 4—Mike Rankin, in honor of David and Michael
- 11—Howard Blechman, in honor of his & Ron Gertz's 12th anniversary
- 18—Nanci Stern
- 25—Michael Bettinger, in honor of his mother Bea's visit

All you have to do to sponsor an Oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an Oneg is approximately \$50 (partial sponsorship available) or you can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Classified Ads

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Yahrzeits

- 1 Abraham Vogel, Father of Lee Vogel
- 2 Mark Feldman, Member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 2 Margaret Staub, Grandmother of Wendy Weiss
- 2 (24 Iyar) Goldie Markson Rosen, Mother of Barry Rosen
- 4 Claude Wybrecht, Lover of Ralph Vissell
- 8 Leo Harris, Grandfather of Allen Harris
- 9 Herman H. Siegel, Father of Barry Siegel
- 9 Duff Kreitzberg, Member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 10 (3 Sivan) Saul Prochovnick, Grandfather of Ora Prochovnick
- 16 Leslie Kravitz, Father of Bob Kravitz
- 16 (9 Sivan) Bertha Kornfield Miller, Mother of G. Murray Miller
- 17 Simma Guilford, Mother of Andrea Piazza, Grandmother of Joshua Piazza
- 17 Joe Zygielbaum, Member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 18 Isabel June Fleming, Sister of Gordon Osser
- 19 Sandy Wolin, Friend of Robin Leonard & Lee Ryan
- 19 Henriette Kahn Wildberg, Grandmother of Judy Macks
- 21 Leo Leva, Friend of Keith Barton
- 22 Irving Wildberg, Grandfather of Judy Macks
- 22 David B. Goodstein, Friend of Bernard Pechter
- 22 Dorothy Abraham Weiss, Stepmother of Wendy Weiss
- 23 Sidney S. Steckel, Father of Ailsa Steckel
- 23 Evelyn Miriam Baldwin, Mother of Lawney Baldwin
- 23 Manuel Tanovitz, Father of Ed Tanovitz
- 23 Sidney Hannaford, Father of Stephanie Hannaford
- 25 Pauline Lillian Weill, Grandmother of Jill Rose
- 25 (18 Sivan) Fival Rudman, Grandfather of Richard Crane
- 26 Leo Miller, Father of Marilyn Miller
- 26 Allan Levy, Friend of Pam Singer
- 28 (21 Sivan) Anna Handman, Grandmother of Jonathan Schwartz
- 30 Thomas Tannenhaus, Cousin of Bruce Katz

Note: Yahrzeits will be read at services on the Friday preceding the Yahrzeit date.

JUNE

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Iyar 1 Lag B'Omer Picnic 11am Golden Gate Park	24 2	25 3	26 4 Newsletter Comm. 7pm 1772 Sanchez	27 5 AIDS Lecture 7pm	28 6 Services 8:15pm	29 7
1 Sivan 8 Rosh Chodesh	2 9 Va'ad Meeting 6:30pm Newsletter Deadline	3 10	4 11 Soviet Vigil Green & Baker 11:30am	5 12 Erev Shavuot Potluck & Service 7pm	6 13 Joint Shavuot Service 10:30am Services 8:15pm	7 14 Purim Playwrights, 424 Central, 11am
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22 29 The Parade	23 30					

Ritual Calendar

Friday, June 6

Parshah: B'Midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

Bill Schlichter

Thursday, June 12—*Tikun Leil Shavuot*

Shavuot Evening Service, Potluck,

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Ritual Committee and Friends

Friday, June 13

Shavuot Morning Service, 10:30am

Special Torah Reading: Exodus 19, 20

Joint Service: Emanu-el, Sha'ar Zahav,
Sherith Israel

Friday Evening Service—Torah Service

Parshah: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

Numbers 28:26-31

Haftarah: Habukkuk 2:20-3:19

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Friday, June 20

Parshah: Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Friday, June 27—Installation of Officers

Parshah: Be-Haalotkha, Numbers

8:1-12:16

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Leslie Bergson and Susan Unger

Saturday, June 28

Morning Services, 10:30am

Dana Vinicoff

Gay Games Comes to Sha'ar Zahav

On Friday, June 20 following services and Oneg, representatives of Gay Games II will present a slide show of the upcoming Games to be held August 9-18 in San Francisco. Following the presentation, we'll discuss tickets, schedule of events, locations, and how we can help to make the Games a success. Please mark the date on your calendar as a "must attend" post-Oneg event.

Birthdays

- 2 Beth Rachel
- 3 David Hyman
- 4 Ora Prochovnick
- 4 Steven Rosenberg
- 5 Rick Crane
- 9 Allyce Kimerling
- 10 Daniel Chesir
- 10 Paul Gold
- 15 Lynn Taylor
- 16 Mike Freedland
- 23 Steve Klein
- 24 Paul Schwartz
- 26 Jonathan Mesinger
- 26 Marc Lipschutz
- 28 Devorah Harris
- 28 Cynthia Schorr
- 29 Jay Feinstein

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our Congregation gained several new members in May. A warm welcome to our new members:

Robert Cohen
David Lambert
Randy Schiller

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Va'ad (Continued from page 5)

man, presented a report on the finances of the Purim festivities and discussed our participation in Gay & Lesbian Freedom Day events. Possible future events include a Jitterbug Sock Hop.

This was a particularly enjoyable meeting. Spirits were high and there was that special sense of family for which Sha'ar Zahav is famous. All members are welcome to attend your Board's meetings and to express your views on the many issues confronting your Congregation. See you the second Monday in June, at 6:30pm in the oneg room. —Richard Inlander, Recorder

Congregational Meeting

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events (parade and booth) and thanked her wonderful committee for producing such extraordinary events for Chanukah and Purim. Marion Trentman's report reminded the Women's Havurah of their event coming up on May 18, and suggested that more interested members are needed. Robin Leonard told of Membership's successes as well as the committee's continuing efforts and programs.

Don concluded the committee reports by reminding us that we have two new committees—the Brotherhood and the Family Havurah.

The slate of officers and Va'ad proposed by the Election Committee was elected by acclamation on motion of Chair Leslie Bergson. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned right on time, and closed with the singing of Oseh Shalom.

Everyone agreed that the tone set by Rabbi Kahn at the beginning of the meeting had been maintained throughout. There were moments of strong differences of opinion and heated debate, but we never lost sight of our values and our sense of family. A long and weighty agenda was handled with dignity and efficiency thanks to President Don Albert's skillful chairing, and to each person present.

—Richard Inlander, Recorder

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Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past month by the following contributors:

General Fund

In memory of Ron Gertz:

Robert Inlander
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Rickie Avrutin

Robert Goldware, in honor of his friendship with Alex Ingersoll & David Stein and for their "electric charms"

Irene Ogus, in honor of the new Board and Officers

Garry Koenigsberg

John Golebowski

Steve Elman, in honor of Morgan, David Gass' new puppy, in memory of Iris Medina del Moral & Sophie Roston, in honor of Bill Ashley-Dobbin's birthday, and wishing Kurt Stutzman, David Kotch & Mark Landsberger a speedy recovery

AIDS Fund

In memory of Ron Gertz:

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Temple Beth Hillel, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Bill Schlichter, in honor of the yahrzeit of his grandfather Ward Schlichter

Mike Rankin, in honor of Bill Ashley-Dobbin's birthday

Social Action Fund

Jay Ladin & Christine Benvenuto, in honor of the going out from Egypt



Cabaret: Our sanctuary was transformed into an intimate cabaret on Saturday, May 3, for a benefit performance given by an incredible

singer, musician and comedienne: Lynn Lavner. Our thanks to Lynn—and to Shirley, Ralph, et al.—for putting on a terrific show.

Compassion, Not Sexuality

The issue isn't homosexuality, or sexuality of any kind; it's compassion!

These words of Rabbi Robert Kirschner set the tone for the first meeting of the Committee on AIDS, established as part of a mandate from the delegates to the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The 3000 representatives of Reform Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada, at their Biennial convention in Los Angeles last fall, passed a comprehensive resolution on AIDS. It called not only for the establishment of the committee, but also for massive increases in funding for AIDS treatment and research, and for the end to discrimination against people with AIDS.

The mandate to the committee was threefold: first, to develop educational materials and programs on AIDS which could be used by rabbis, teachers, lay leaders and members of UAHC congregations; second, to help rabbis and others provide sensitive counseling to people with AIDS and their friends and families; and third, to promote lobbying for funds for AIDS research and treatment.

Chaired by pediatrician Boris O'Mansky of Baltimore, the task force convened at the central offices of the UAHC in New York on April 14. Representatives came from all over the country. Some were health professionals, others were rabbis, youth workers, and teachers. One was a high school student, a bright young woman who is a leader in the National Federation of Temple Youth. Another was a leading microbiologist, a woman in her 60s from North Carolina. Al Vorspan, Vice President of the UAHC, was an active participant. The San Francisco delegation consisted of Rabbi Kahn, Rabbi Kirschner and myself. Rabbi Schindler, President of the Union, came in on a "day off" to wish us Godspeed.

It was decided at the beginning that the Committee would continue to meet as long as the crisis exists, but that most of the work would be done in regional subcommittees, with the entire group coming together about twice a year.

The two-day meeting ended with the following decisions and recommendations:

1. The Central Conference of American Rabbis should be asked to co-sponsor the Committee with the UAHC.

2. There should be a report of the work of the Committee at the meeting of the Commission on Social Action of Reform

Judaism at the end of April. The Commission should be asked to add AIDS to the agenda of the Religious Action Center, with an intern assigned to work full time on this issue. The RAC newsletter, *Chai Impact*, should alert all congregations to legislative issues relating to AIDS funding and to the civil rights of people with AIDS. Social action committees in the various congregations should inform their members of the importance of these issues.

3. Regional biennials should include presentations on AIDS when they meet around the country and in Canada this fall.

4. A letter should be sent as soon as possible to all rabbis, reminding them of the need to reach out in a compassionate and empathetic way to people with AIDS, to their families and to their friends. The letter should be signed by Rabbi Schindler, Rabbi Jack Stern (president of the CCAR), and by Dr. O'Mansky.

5. Educational materials prepared by task force participants and UAHC staff will be sent to every rabbi and congregation in the Union. These packets will contain information on AIDS from a clinical and counseling perspective, and will also highlight Jewish teaching on *rachmanut* (compassion).

6. There will be a presentation on AIDS at the CCAR convention in Colorado in June.

7. Every UAHC region should establish a panel of rabbis, physicians, counselors, and others, who can assist those with questions about AIDS. These resource people, and the telephone numbers of "hot lines" around the country will be printed in the CCAR newsletter.

It was also recommended, for the long term, that there be a national conference on AIDS under Jewish auspices; continued lobbying of Congress and the administration; and the development of more comprehensive educational materials.

Clearly the UAHC takes this matter very seriously. It is now well aware of the suffering of people with AIDS, and of those who love them, and it intends to do all it can to help.

No one questioned the need for a Jewish organization to become involved. "When people are hurting, it becomes a Jewish issue," one member of the committee said.

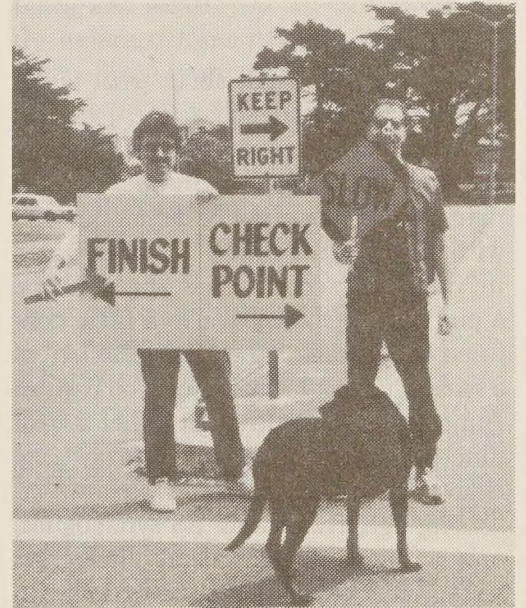
Indeed.

I'll keep you posted as the work continues.

—Mike Rankin

AIDS Bike-a-thon

The '86 AIDS Bike-a-thon on May 3, sponsored by Different Spokes, was a tremendous success, raising over \$250,000 for various AIDS support groups. The 5 Sha'ar Zahav members who rode raised close to \$4500! Congratulations to Ron Lezell, who rode 100 miles; Lawney Baldwin, who clocked in 75 miles; and Bruce Katz, Ben Schalit and Kathy Sharp with 25 miles each. Sha'ar Zahav members were also part



of the "Ecumenical Checkpoint" at Lake Merced, joining Dignity and MCC members in directing traffic and providing cold drinks, snacks and encouragement to bike riders at the halfway point along the 25-mile route. Organized by Steve Elman, we helped staff the rest stop from a very wet, foggy 7:30am through a more balmy 3pm finish time. Thanks to Rena Frantz, Ralph Frischman, Bob Goldware, Frank Hyman, Alex Ingersoll, Ora Prochovnick, Leila Raim, David Shaber, Phil Siegel, David Shaber, David Stein and Kurt Stutzman for representing CSZ.

Pesach Passes Over Again

On April 24, 150 members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav gathered to celebrate the second night of Passover. As usual it was wonderful, and as usual we owe our thanks to many people who helped to make the event a success. Special thanks are due to Nancy Meyer and David Gass for organizing the evening, to the Ritual Committee for an inspiring service, and to those members who contributed to the wine fund. Also, we are grateful to the many members and friends who gave subventions and who responded to the Ma'ot Chitim appeal.

So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Aunt Yente,

Why is our synagogue always getting involved in controversial or difficult projects that are simply unnecessary? Either we're raising money for people who aren't even members, or we're debating Sanctuary, or we're talking about people in Russia or Nicaragua. Why can't the synagogue concentrate on holding services and helping its own members, which after all is its real function?

Distressed on Dolores

Dear Distressed,

So if you were right about what is the "real function" of the synagogue, if its "real function" was just for prayer and helping members, then *eppes* you would be also right that we should not be *dreying* our *kups* with all the other things we get involved in. But if *bubba* had wheels, she would be a pushcart. *Nebbech*, you're a little confused about what is the "real function" of a synagogue; but lucky for you, you have an Aunt Yente. And although to her a "real function" means a bar mitzvah on Long Island, let her see if she can explain.

Long ago, there were no synagogues, only a Temple in Jerusalem. There Jews served God with singing psalms and with sacrifices of food, either animals, or grain, or wine. But despite our traditional Jewish understanding that enough food can solve anything, God was not satisfied. Again and again the prophets warned that sacrifices and prayers were *eppes* simply not enough; that in fact they are the *least* important ways of serving God. The important way to serve God is with justice and with kindness to each other and to the stranger. But did we listen? Of course we didn't listen; we just brought more food. So finally God got fed up (you should pardon the expression), and destroyed the Temple and sent the Jews into our long exile.

Aunt Yente thinks this is a very true story, whether it happened or not. Jews haven't been around for 3000 years because we know the right words to say prayers. If our *Yiddishkeit* is at all important, it is because it teaches that God must be served with what we do every day, most important with how we treat the stranger as well as ourselves. The prayers we say with our mouths are *takke* not as important as the prayers we *do*.

So. Today we have no Temples, we have instead synagogues. (We have some synagogues that call themselves Temples, but this always reminds Aunt Yente of the story of the four people who meet on a train. "My name's Kent," says one; "I'm Cole," says

the second; "Kayne here," says the third. "Ah," says the fourth, "my name's also Cohen.") A synagogue, whatever it calls itself, is not a place for sacrifices (they would get on the carpet), or even just for prayer; it is Jews who get together to serve God. And by now, we have learned that if we try serving God just with saying prayers, all that will be left of us is a wailing wall.

Of course your Aunt Yente isn't telling you that saying prayers is not important. This is how we reach for the holiness and the strength that lies beyond us (or maybe inside us). Even if we could fill our lives with good deeds as full as a nice piece stuffed derma, if we didn't have holiness we would feel lonely and weary; but the holiness only comes when the prayers we say with our mouths lead to the prayers we do with our hands. Let Aunt Yente give you a for example. The beautiful second paragraph of the Amida calls God "Supporter of the falling, Healer of the sick, Liberator of the captive." This paragraph we say every week on Friday night; in an Orthodox synagogue, on Shabbos it would be said seven times, on Yom Kippur, nine times. So why do we say it over and over? God doesn't hear the first time? Of course not, *kinderlach*; but sometimes we don't hear. God knows what to do (How do you think God got to be God?) but *takke* we need constant reminding.

We are all made in the image of God (even your Aunt Yente and her hips); so when we say God supports the falling, we realize we also have to support those who need our help. When we call God Healer of the sick, so we remember how much sick people need our kindness. And when we say God frees the oppressed—you maybe get the idea? So if the wonderful poetry of the Amida leads us to all the *tsuris* of a discussion of sanctuary, it is that *tsuris*, just as much as the Amida, that is vital to the synagogue. If it really came to a choice, better we should stop our prayers before we stop a single act of *tsedaka*, of charity, of justice, of kindness to strangers. But God has promised that it never will come to such a choice; from our prayers to God come the strength to do all the other things we must do to call ourselves a synagogue.

So this brings Aunt Yente to her final point. *Kinderlach*, we have to help the synagogue itself, not just the *tsedaka* the synagogue does. If the shul were only a place to sit and say prayers, or if it only did things

for its members, so giving it money would not be much of a *mitzvoh*; that would be like paying dues to a health club (and not as good for the pectorals). But *nebbech*, just because of the other things our synagogue does, not for itself and not for its members, how it opens its door to everyone, how it helps the poor and the sick, how it speaks for the oppressed—*takke* for all these things, our synagogue is an important place for your *tsedaka*. If our help isn't generous enough, who knows what would be lost? Maybe we wouldn't have money for candles on Friday night? Maybe we couldn't have pies to throw on Purim? Maybe even—God forbid—we couldn't afford to print the third-to-the-last page of the newsletter? Or maybe even, at last, we would no longer be able to afford to do what we do for the stranger, and the poor, and the oppressed; and then, *kinderlach*, we would no longer have a synagogue.

—Aunt Yente

Aunt Yente will answer all your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters. Just write to Aunt Yente in care of the *Forward*, 220 Danvers at Caselli., San Francisco, CA 94114. All material © 1986 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Anniversaries

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Learning Shabbat

Our regular monthly Shabbat morning service on June 30 will be a "Learning Shabbat." Dana Vinicoff and Rabbi Yoel Kahn will lead a walk—and sing—through the liturgy for Shabbat morning. Join us to learn the music, and the parts of the service, and to get answers to all the questions you've never had a chance to ask. An additional highlight will be Bill Ashley-Dobbin's deservedly famous cholel. If you haven't been to a Saturday morning service since you became bar/bat mitzvah, this is an unequaled opportunity. If you've never been to a Sha'ar Zahav morning service, this is your chance. Shabbat morning services begin at 10:30am.

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV COVENANT OF SANCTUARY

As Jews, our history, from Egypt through the Holocaust and continuing today, is the story of a people forced time and again to flee the lands in which we have resided. The horrors of the Holocaust, when Jews were murdered because we were "undesirable" in the eyes of the Nazis, are indelibly imprinted on our psyches. Repelled often in times of greatest need, we as Jews recognize the necessity of havens for the persecuted.

Today, other peoples are fleeing violence and persecution. Thousands of men, women and children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and other lands where violence and persecution exist, are seeking haven in the United States, many of them in the San Francisco area. Many of these people decided to leave their homelands only after witnessing the murder or torture of relatives or close friends or being personally threatened with such violence.

Both U.S. law and international conventions govern the treatment of refugees. The Geneva Conventions, enacted largely in response to the horrors of the Holocaust, and signed by the United States, codified the right to temporary refuge of people fleeing from armed conflict or from violations of the Conventions, such as armed aggression against civilians. Pertinent Geneva Conventions also protect the right of individuals and groups to provide humanitarian assistance to such refugees. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has also declared that people who flee violence in El Salvador and Guatemala are entitled to safe haven until hostilities have stopped or their governments can assure protection of their fundamental human rights. In addition, the U.S. Congress enacted the Refugee Act of 1980, which provides for the grant of asylum to any refugee demonstrating a "well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion."

Yet the United States continues to arrest and deport Salvadoran, Guatemalan and other refugees who have a well-founded fear of persecution. In contrast to some other nations, the United States has failed to meet its legal and moral obligations to provide haven for its fair share of these refugees.

The plight of these Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees powerfully reminds

us of our own history. Hundreds of thousands of Jews who could have been saved from Hitler's ovens did not meet the immigration requirements of the United States or any other country. With all points of entry closed to them, our people were forced to wander as illegal aliens. When they could gain refuge, often families were forced to split up. Their repatriation to Nazi-controlled Europe spelled almost certain death. Standing opposed to the denial of assistance to the fleeing refugees were a few courageous few, including the righteous gentiles, who followed their consciences and provided safe haven.

The words of the Torah, the demands of the prophets and the message of our tradition have given us a profound empathy for the plight of all exiled, homeless or oppressed peoples.

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall do the stranger no wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love the stranger as yourself; for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt."

(Lev. 19:33-34)

In November, 1985, our parent body, the General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, issued a call "for a moral response from us as Jews" to assist Salvadoran, Guatemalan and other refugees fleeing violence and oppression. The UAHC urged "our congregations and their members to provide sanctuary in one or more of its forms to Central Americans and other refugees who request safe haven out of fear of persecution upon return to their homelands."

Therefore, we join in covenant to provide sanctuary—support, protection, and

advocacy—to Salvadoran, Guatemalan and other refugees who seek safe haven from persecution in their homelands. As a Congregation, we are committed to work within the legal system to assist these refugees, even as we commit ourselves to support efforts to overturn the Administration's interpretation and application of existing law. We do this out of concern for the welfare of these refugees, regardless of their official immigrant status.

In accordance with Jewish teaching and the UAHC's resolution, we will take the following actions as a Congregation, within the limits of our resources:

- Adopt this Covenant of Sanctuary for refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and other oppressive regimes.
- Engage in fund raising to provide contributions to a revolving bond fund for currently incarcerated refugees. The goal of this action is to raise approximately \$3,000 to enable at least one refugee to be released from custody so that he or she can pursue legal remedies for asylum.
- Participate in the San Francisco Jewish Sanctuary Coalition and other groups working to assist refugees.
- Encourage the Social Action Committee to form a group of concerned Congregational members, to work for reform of U.S. laws and the fair implementation of U.S. laws regarding Central American refugees, and to develop other appropriate steps to assist refugees.
- Encourage members of the Congregation to take action as individuals to aid refugees, as appropriate with their conscience.

We enter this covenant as an act of conscience and moral imperative.

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Such A Deal

A quick reminder: registration fees for the Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews on Labor Day Weekend at Camp Swig will increase to \$97.50 after July 1. In order to take advantage of the earlybird price of \$87.50, be sure to get your checks (or Visa) into the conference committee prior to July 1. Requests for information packets should be sent to:

Western Regional Conference
Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim
6000 W. Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Be sure to allow enough time for the registration packet to arrive, so that you can get your check in before the July price increase. Registrants will be treated to an exciting weekend of swimming, volleyball, campfires, songfests, etc., all in a beautiful campground surrounded by redwood trees. Temperatures should be in the 80s, so bring lots of suntan lotion and other summer accoutrements. All meals and snacks are included in this once-in-a-lifetime event. Don't be left out!

Office Notes



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Another once-a-year opportunity: *The Jewish Calendar 5747* will be published soon! This year, copies will be ordered by request only, and no stock will be kept for late orders. The cost is \$7 per copy; please send your orders to the Synagogue office, with checks made payable to "Congregation Sha'ar Zahav-Calendars." The deadline for ordering your *Jewish Calendar 5747* is June 20.

—Jacqueline Letalien

AIDS Seminar Continues

The second evening in our series on AIDS will be Thursday June 5, from 7-9pm at the Synagogue. "The Human Side of AIDS: Practical Psychological Issues" will include three guest speakers. Chris Sandoval, Board member and counselor at the Shanti Project, will address bereavement and support issues in the AIDS epidemic. Maureen O'Neil, LCSW is Director of Social Services for the Visiting Nurse Association (AIDS Home Care Program) and will discuss practical aspects of supporting AIDS individuals at home. The third speaker will be Judy Macks of The AIDS Health Project; she will address stress and anxiety issues for the worried well, and persons with ARC or AIDS. A question and answer period with discussion will follow the third speaker. Please note the program will start at 7pm promptly. Dr. Harvey Bartnof will be moderator of the evening.